activities prejudicial to India's security;

(b) if so, in what context such communication/request has been made; and

(c) what is Pakistan Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have on varir ous occasions conveyed its concerns to Pakistan about the latter's assistance to terrorists in Punjab.

(c) The Pakistan Government has denied giving such assistance, but evidence and our reports are to the contrary.

Pak press report about possible assassination attempt on P.M.

74. SHRI KAPIL VERMA;
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: .
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA;
SHRl HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the Pakistani press report. about possible attempt on the life of the Prime Minister of India a day before the actual incident at Raj-ghat; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard and what preventive steps were taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Two newspapers published from Karachi, Pakistan, reported on October 2, 1986 that there had been several enquiries made in Karachi the previous day (October 1, 1986) about an assassination attempt on the Prime Minister. The reports came to Government's notice after incident and the question of taking preventive action on the basis of these reports did not arise.

**Talks between the US and USSR Presidents on disarmament**

75. SHRI M. KADHARSHA; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF AIRS be pleased to state the outcome of the talks between the US President and the Soviet leader Mr. Gorbachov held, at Reykjavik, Iceland, indicating as to how far the Summit talks between the two big powers were able to thrash out and narrow down the differences in regard to nuclear dis armament and ban on nuclear tests, etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The US President Ronald Reagan and the Soviet leader General Secretary Michail Gorbachov failed to reach agreement at their Summit meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. A number of proposals on reduction of nuclear forces and banning of nuclear tests were tabled and differences between the two sides on these issues were narrowed down. However, the talk broke down on the question of the US "Strategic Defence Initiative" programme.

**Frauds in Indian overseas bank at Komalapuratn (Kerala)**

76. SHRI K. GOPALAN; SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale frauds have been detected recently at Kotrialapuram (Allepp) branch of the Indian Overseas Bank on the basis of complaints made by the depositors;

(b) if so. what are the details of the frauds detected;

(c) whether it is a fact that top *level* management of the bank at *zoh*